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Total Crop Production Down This Year

A sharp drop in total planted and harvested acreage of crops was estimated by the Crop Reporting Board on July 1. Total planted acreage is 306 million, 17 million less than last year; harvested acreage is 295 million, down 6.5 percent from 1960.

However, high indicated yields for most major crops will tend to lessen the effect of reduced acreage. Crop development is generally ahead of the late 1960 season with close to normal progress for most crops.

1,259 Million Bushel Wheat Crop

Production of all wheat is expected to be 7 percent below last year's crop, but 15 percent above average. The indicated yield is 24.5 bushels per acre, compared to 26 bushels in 1960. Average yield is 19.7 bushels.

Total acreage of all wheat harvested for grain is expected to be 51.4 million acres. This is 1 percent less than last year and 9 percent below average.

Winter wheat is forecast at 1,116 million bushels, second largest on record. This is a third above average, and 1 percent above 1960.

A 16.5 million bushel durum crop, less than half of last year's production, and a third below average, is expected. Considerable acreage was in doubt on July 1 because of serious water shortages. Prospective yield per acre of 10.8 bushels is only half of last year's.

Other spring wheat production is expected to be the lowest in 25 years, at 126 million bushels. This is about half the 10-year average. Dry weather reduced acreage expected to be harvested to 9.4 million, the lowest for spring wheat other than durum since 1934.

Oats and Barley Less Than 1960

Oat production is expected to total 961 million bushels, 16 percent less than last year, and a fourth below average. Acreage for harvest is the lowest in 75 years.

Barley production is forecast at 366 million bushels, 14 percent below 1960, but slightly above average. Plantings of fall and spring barley were about the same as last year.

Pasture Condition 85 Percent of Normal

For the entire country, condition of pastures on July 1 averaged 2 percentage points lower than a year ago, but 3 points above the 10-year average. Conditions improved during June in the East and South, but declined in the North Central regions and the West because of dryness and heat.

Corn for Grain Down 18 Percent

Feed Grain Program commitments account largely for a heavy reduction of 700 million bushels in corn for grain this year, the lowest production in 4 years. Total production is expected to be 3.2 billion bushels, grown on 58.3 million acres. This is a drop of 13 million acres from last year. Yield per acre is expected to equal that of last year, 54.5 bushels.

At the request of statistics users, production forecasts are limited to corn for grain, for the first time. Grain corn production estimates previously were not available until December.

Corn was planted later than average this year, but earlier than in 1960. Floods delayed planting in the Mississippi and Ohio River Valleys. Low temperatures and excess moisture made replanting necessary in some northern and southern areas.

Prices of Farm Products

Commodity	Average Prices received by farmers		Effective parity prices
	May 15 1961	June 15 1961	Based on data for June 1961
Basic commodities:			
Cotton, Amer. upland (lb.) ..... ct.	29.56	30.88	38.70
Wheat (bu.) ..... dol.	1.76	1.72	2.37
Rice (100 lb.) ..... dol.	4.67	4.80	6.00
Corn (bu.) ..... dol.	1.02	1.03	1.61
Peanuts (lb.) ..... ct.	11.4	--	12.9
Designated nonbasic commodities:			
Butterfat in cream (lb.) ..... ct.	60.4	60.4[1]	74.7
Milk, wholesale (100 lb.) ..... dol.	3.92	[1] 3.88	5.10
Wool (lb.) ..... ct.	[2] 42.5	[2] 42.3	74.7
Other nonbasic commodities:			
Barley (bu.) ..... dol.	.875	.868	1.24
Cottonseed (ton) ..... dol.	--	--	62.40
Flaxseed (bu.) ..... dol.	2.75	2.79	3.78
Hay, baled (ton) ..... dol.	19.80	19.10	25.30
Oats (bu.) ..... dol.	.598	.626	.837
Potatoes (cwt.) ..... dol.	1.78	1.69	2.45
Rye (bu.) ..... dol.	.841	.934	1.47
Sorghum, grain (100 lb.) ..... dol.	1.56	1.65	2.47
Soybeans (bu.) ..... dol.	2.96	2.60	2.88
Sweetpotatoes (cwt.) ..... dol.	6.26	8.06	5.61
Oranges, on tree (box) ..... dol.	3.23	3.24	2.39
Apples, for fresh use (bu.) ..... dol.	3.22	3.13	2.59
Beef cattle (100 lb.) ..... dol.	19.80	19.40	23.60
Calves (100 lb.) ..... dol.	23.60	23.10	26.10
Hogs (100 lb.) ..... dol.	16.00	15.70	21.20
Lambs (100 lb.) ..... dol.	15.60	15.90	25.10
Chickens, all (lb.) ..... ct.	14.1	12.6	25.0
Eggs (dozen) ..... ct.	32.0	30.8	46.8

[1] Preliminary
[2] Does not include incentive payment.

Fewer Summer Vegetables Expected

Onion, lettuce, cauliflower, and cucumber production will be substantially less than in 1960. Celery, sweet corn and carrots will be slightly less abundant, with a moderate decline in tomato production.

The fresh market supply of summer vegetables is expected to be 8 percent below last year's, but 6 percent above average. Acreage of vegetables for processing is 10 percent above the 1960 total, but 2 percent below average.

Layers and Eggs Down Slightly

The nation's laying flock averaged 1 percent smaller than a year earlier, the smallest for any June since 1941. Egg production per layer also dropped 1 percent in all but the South Central Region. Total egg production in June was 2 percent less than in 1960.

Statistical Series of Interest to Agriculture

Item	1960		1961		
	June	Year	Apr.	May	June
	Mil.	*Mil.*	*Mil.*	*Mil.*	*Mil.*
Nonfarm employment, (civilian) [1]	61.7	61.0	60.7	61.2	62.0
Farm employment	8.3	7.1	6.9	7.6	8.3
Family	5.6	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.6
Hired	2.6	1.9	1.6	2.0	2.7
	Index numbers (1947-49 = 100)				
Industrial production [2]	166	164	160	164	167
Total personal income payments [3]	200	199	202	203	--
Weekly factory earnings [4]	172	170	160	165	170
Average earnings of factory workers, per worker [4]	173	172	173	176	178
Wholesale prices, all commodities [4]	120	120	119	119	119
Farm commodities	89	89	88	87	86
Food, processed	108	108	109	108	107
Consumer price index [4]	126	126	128	127	--
Food	120	120	121	121	--
	Index numbers (1910-14 = 100)				
Prices received by farmers	235	238	239	236	234
Crops	221	221	226	230	231
Food grains	199	203	202	203	200
Feed grains and hay	158	151	145	151	152
Cotton	250	254	249	250	261
Tobacco	494	500	516	517	516
Oil bearing crops	216	214	286	285	261
Fruit	238	236	250	261	260
Vegetables for fresh market	240	249	252	258	288
Livestock and products	248	253	251	241	236
Meat animals	303	296	305	292	286
Dairy products	235	259	247	241	240
Poultry and eggs	149	160	145	139	131
Prices paid by farmers:					
All commodities	275	275	277	277	275
Used in living	290	290	290	291	290
Used in production	265	265	267	266	264
Commodities, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index)	299	299	302	302	300
Farm wage rates, seasonally adjusted.	649	631	647	647	647
Parity ratio (prices received to parity index)	79	80	79	78	78

[1] Bureau of the Census.
[2] Federal Reserve Board.
[3] Department of Commerce.
[4] Bureau of Labor Statistics--any figures not available at press time omitted.

Other Crops, July 1 Forecast

Production of 122,770,000 bushels of apples are indicated, 13 percent above last year's crop, and 10 percent above average. Regional estimates are: Eastern--63,350,000 bushels, a 20 percent increase over last year; Central--24,910,000 bushels, 5 percent above 1960; Western--34,510,000 bushels, 8 percent above 1960.

Sugar Beet production is estimated at 18,577,000 tons, 39 percent above average, and exceeding the 1959 record by 9 percent.

Sugarcane (for sugar and seed)--9,010,000 tons, 17 percent more than in 1960, and the largest ever grown in continental US.A.

Rice--54.4 million bags (100 pounds), slightly smaller than in 1960. Acreage for harvest and yield per acre are very close to 1960 figures.

Tobacco--1,978 million pounds, 2 percent above 1960 and 3 percent below the average.

Sweetpotatoes--14,693,000 hundredweight, 6 percent below 1960 and 22 percent below average.

Beans, dry edible--17.1 million bags (100 pound clean basis), 4 percent below the 1960 crop but 2 percent above average.

Peas, dry field--3,578,000 bags (100 pound clean basis), 10 percent above last year, and 5 percent above average.

Spring Pig Crop Up 7 Percent

The 1961 spring pig crop totaled 50,456,000 head. Pigs per litter set a record, averaging 7.18 compared with 6.96 last year.

Fall farrowings are expected to total 6,017,000 sows, up 2 percent from 1960.

Livestock and Livestock Products

Item	Unit	Jan.-May 1960	Jan.-May 1961
Dairy Production			
Milk	Bil. lb.	[1] 65.0	[1] 65.4
Evaporated whole milk	Mil. lb.	905.7	928.5
Dry Nonfat milk solids (for human food)	Mil. lb.	889.0	919.2
Butter, creamery	Mil. lb.	648.6	660.0
Cheese, American	Mil. lb.	412.7	488.5
Ice cream	Mil. gal.	266.9	265.3
Poultry Production			
Eggs	Billions	[1] 32.6	[1] 31.8
Poultry meat [2]	Mil. lb.	2,003	2,408
Canned poultry	Mil. lb.	138.9	243.4
Liquid egg	Mil. lb.	317.4	317.5
Dried egg (egg solids)	Mil. lb.	21.1	25.3
Frozen egg	Mil. lb.	216.4	194.2
Chicks hatched, total [3]	Millions	[1] 1,422.8	[1] 1,568.7
Chicks hatched, broiler [3]	Millions	[1] 1,048.8	[1] 1,175.2
Poults hatched: [3]			
Heavy breeds	Millions	[1] 68.2	[1] 85.6
Light breeds	Millions	[1] 6.9	[1] 8.2
Meat Production [2] (dressed weight)			
Beef	Mil. lb.	5,754	6,017
Veal	Mil. lb.	387	388
Pork	Mil. lb.	4,794	4,490
Lamb and mutton	Mil. lb.	309	356
Total red meat	Mil. lb.	11,244	11,251
Slaughter [2]			
Cattle	1,000 head	9,927	10,272
Calves	1,000 head	3,189	3,158
Hogs	1,000 head	35,262	32,474
Sheep and lambs	1,000 head	6,256	7,139

[1] January-June. [2] Commercial; excludes farm slaughter.
[3] By commercial hatcheries.

Record Soybean Acreage in 1961

A record-breaking 27.9 million acres of soybeans for all purposes were planted by July 1. All but 800,000 acres will be harvested for beans. It is a good stand, most of which was planted near the average date, and earlier than last year.

Cotton Acreage Up 3 Percent

Cotton planted in 1961 totaled 16,561,000 acres, up 3 percent from 1960, but less than the 10-year average.

Upland cotton allotment is 18.5 million acres, 5 percent over that of 1960. Allotments in Central and SE States are generally larger, with higher plantings in 1961. However, considerable underplanting is expected in many areas, especially in the Southeast.

The cotton crop will be generally late in Central and SE States. New Mexico and Arizona cotton is about 10 days late. The Texas crop is making good progress, and early cotton is fruiting in California.

Almonds, Filberts, and Walnuts Abundant

A 15 percent larger crop than last year is forecast for almonds, filberts, and walnuts. This is 24 percent above average.

Peaches 2 Percent Above 1960

The 1961 peach crop is estimated at 75.7 million bushels. California Clingstones should reach 26.3 million bushels, 3 percent above 1960, and 17 percent over the 10-year average.

Southern peaches are expected to total 17.4 million bushels, 5 percent larger than in 1960, and 64 percent above average.

Total Western production is forecast at 44.1 million bushels, 6 percent above 1960 and 16 percent larger than average.

Peach production in the New England and Middle Atlantic States is expected to be down 14 to 20 percent from last year.

Farm Grain Stocks Set New Record

Farm-stored wheat was 42 percent higher than July 1 last year, and well above average. Rye stocks were nearly $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the low total of a year ago. Flaxseed stocks were up 70 percent. Stocks of old oats, barley, and sorghum grain were also higher on July 1.

However, soybeans dwindled to little over a fourth of last year's stocks.

Farmers, expecting lower production, are holding another record tonnage of total feed grains on their farms.

Fruit Production Prospects Above Average

More apples, sweet cherries, sour cherries, grapes, peaches, pears, plums and prunes will be harvested than in 1960. Total production of non-citrus fruits is expected to be 6 percent over last year's, and 7 percent above normal.

Farmers Holding More Old Corn

A high of 1,439 million bushels of corn stocks were held on farms on July 1. This is 11 percent more than last year. About half these stocks (including reseal and purchase agreement) are under CCC loan. Current farm holdings represent about 37 percent of the 1960 crop production.

Corn Belt States held about 1,327 million bushels, or 92 percent of the total stocks on farms on July 1.

Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings, by States, ~~July~~ May 1961 [1]

State	Livestock and products	Crops	Total
	1,000 dollars	*1,000 dollars*	*1,000 dollars*
Maine	9,368	8,118	17,486
New Hampshire	3,504	606	4,110
Vermont	8,494	1,096	9,590
Massachusetts	7,809	4,405	12,214
Rhode Island	1,264	378	1,642
Connecticut	7,434	5,924	13,358
New York	52,774	13,045	65,819
New Jersey	13,447	11,929	25,376
Pennsylvania	52,238	11,873	64,111
Ohio	51,498	21,179	72,677
Indiana	57,530	21,586	79,116
Illinois	106,336	40,017	146,353
Michigan	36,817	13,204	50,021
Wisconsin	92,711	5,557	98,268
Minnesota	94,747	19,000	113,747
Iowa	166,849	18,174	185,023
Missouri	61,909	6,294	68,203
North Dakota	10,677	8,121	18,798
South Dakota	32,626	4,134	36,760
Nebraska	65,480	11,741	77,221
Kansas	54,541	6,146	60,687
Delaware	6,526	1,801	8,327
Maryland	15,647	13,175	28,822
Virginia	19,678	5,732	25,410
West Virginia	6,101	917	7,018
North Carolina	27,798	11,625	39,423
South Carolina	9,057	5,202	14,259
Georgia	36,431	7,445	43,876
Florida	19,927	94,469	114,396
Kentucky	25,639	2,485	28,124
Tennessee	22,592	6,110	28,702
Alabama	26,603	4,757	31,360
Mississippi	23,352	2,797	26,149
Arkansas	21,576	5,399	26,975
Louisiana	13,274	5,129	18,403
Oklahoma	27,648	6,454	34,102
Texas	93,000	20,491	113,491
Montana	13,487	4,227	17,714
Idaho	13,976	8,152	22,128
Wyoming	5,301	438	5,739
Colorado	28,236	6,170	34,406
New Mexico	8,052	1,711	9,763
Arizona	20,183	14,978	35,161
Utah	8,778	1,108	9,886
Nevada	1,137	90	1,227
Washington	19,059	9,689	28,748
Oregon	13,506	4,133	17,639
California	106,851	137,434	244,285
United States	1,621,468	614,645	2,236,113
Total U. S., Jan.-May	7,883,396	4,075,456	11,958,852
Same period, year ago	7,599,662	3,818,318	11,417,980

[1] All figures represent sales of farm products, plus Commodity Credit loans reported during the month minus Commodity Credit loans repaid during the month. For comparisons of cash receipts with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation.

Cash Receipts From Farming and Index of Volume of Farm Marketings, United States[1]

	May 1961	June 1961
CASH RECEIPTS:	*Mil. dol.*	*Mil. dol.*
Total marketings and CCC loans[2]	2,236	2,400
Livestock and products	1,621	1,500
Meat animals	897	
Dairy products	448	
Poultry and eggs	256	
Other	20	
Crops	615	900
Food grains	36	
Feed crops	156	
Cotton (lint and seed)	2	
Oil-bearing crops	37	
Tobacco	14	
Vegetables	135	
Fruits and tree nuts	129	
Other	106	
Government payments	242	
Grand total	2,478	
	1947-49 = 100	
VOLUME OF FARM MARKETINGS:		
All commodities	105	118
Livestock and products	144	139
Crops	53	91

[1] For comparison with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation. [2] Receipts from loans represent value of loans minus value of redemptions during the month.

Farm-Retail Price Spreads

Farm-Retail Spread and Farmer's Share of the Consumer's Dollar for Market Basket of Farm-food Products

Year and month	Retail cost[1]	Farm value[2]	Farm-retail spread	Farmer's share
1960 average	1,052	$408	$644	39%
1960 May	1,055	409	646	39%
1961 April	1,069	408	661	38%
1961 May	1,060	396	664	37%

[1] Retail cost of average quantities of farm foods purchased per urban wage-earner and clerical-worker family in 1952, calculated from retail prices collected by Bureau of Labor Statistics.
[2] Payment to farmers for equivalent quantities of farm produce minus imputed value of byproducts obtained in processing.

Farm production: Index numbers of total farm output, gross production of livestock and crops, and related indexes, United States[1] (1947-49 = 100)

Item	1958-60	1960	Indicated 1961[2]
Farm output	125	127	123
All livestock and products	126	126	131
All crops	119	121	112
Cropland used	94	94	89
Crop production per acre[3]	126	129	126
Animal units of breeding livestock[4]	99	97	98
Livestock production per breeding unit[4]	127	130	134

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[1] For historical data and explanation of indexes, see, "Changes in Farm Production and Efficiency," Statistical Bulletin No. 233.
[2] Indications for 1961 based on July 1961 "Crop Production" report and other releases of the Crop Reporting Board, SRS.
[3] Index of crop production per acre is a ratio of total crop production to total land used for crops. It differs from the SRS index of yields per harvested acre of 28 crops.
[4] Animal units and production exclude horses and mules.

Prices Paid By Farmers

Goods cost farmers less in mid-June than a month earlier. The index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services declined 1 percent, the first decrease since August, 1960.

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